

REMARKS

The Examiner asserts that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species. Species 1 is directed to rotating the conditioning body and the planarizing medium relative to each other. Species 2 is directed to a continuous planarizing pad positioned around a pair of spaced apart rollers. Species 3 is directed to the use of more than one planarizing medium.

Applicant has elected Species 2 for examination, without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Claims 85-93 are readable on Species 2. Claims 67-70 and 72-77 are cancelled. Consideration of the elected claim is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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